

~~extend laterally from opposite ends of said seal groove to be surrounded by the cylinder block and the first and second case halves;~~

~~a bar-shaped seal member mounted in said seal groove to come into close contact with the other of said joint surfaces of the first and second case halves such that enlarged end portions integrally formed at opposite ends of said bar-shaped seal member are filled in the enlarged recesses ;~~

~~and~~

~~a gasket interposed between the lower end face of said cylinder block and cooperating end surfaces on said first and second case halves to come into close contact with upper end faces of said enlarged end portions, whereby a T-shaped intersecting joint area among said cylinder block and said first and second case halves is sealed by said seal member and said gasket.~~

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve amendment of Figure 3 of the drawings to the extent of adding reference numeral "44", as indicated in red on the enclosed drawings copy.